

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
U.S. Application No.: 09/763,412

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9. (Twice Amended) A method of forming the thin coating film of Claim 1, which comprises coating an aqueous dispersion on a substrate and sintering at a temperature of not less than a crystalline melting point of the fluorine-containing polymer contained therein, wherein the aqueous dispersion comprises 0.1 to 70% by weight of fluorine-containing polymer having a hydrophobic functional group in the form of fine particles having a particle size of 1 to 200 nm and 30 to 99.9% by weight of water.